

23. The wafer enclosure of claim 22 wherein the cushion comprises a first cushion base portion and a second cushion base portion, and wherein the first plurality of wafer engagement portions extend from the first cushion base portion, and the second plurality of wafer engagement portions extends from the second cushion base portion.

24. The wafer enclosure of claim 23 wherein the first cushion base portion is integral with the first engagement portions, and the second cushion base portion is integral with the second engagement portions and the first cushion base portion is not integral with the second cushion base portion.

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core 25. A wafer enclosure for holding a plurality of axially aligned wafers, the enclosure comprising a door with a cushion system thereon, the cushion system comprising a plurality of wafer engagement portions to engage each sequential wafer, each sequential wafer engagement portion circumferentially offset with respect to adjacent wafer engagement portions.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1 through 25 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 13, 14, 16, and 20 are amended and new claims 21-25 are added.

The applicants expresses their gratitude for the indication of allowability of claims 1-12 and 16-20.

Editorial changes have been made to claims 1 and 16. Claim 20 has been amended to eliminate redundancies, lack of antecedent basis and some lack of clarity. Claim 14 has been amended to include what are believed to be the pertinent limitations of claim 13. New claims 21-25 are also believed to be allowable.

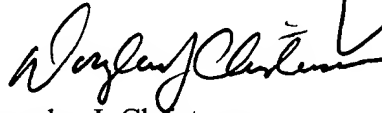
#### 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTION

The examiner rejected Claim 13 under § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kos (4,880,116). Although said rejection is traversed, substantial limitations have now been added to claim 13

such that said rejection should be overcome. Specifically, the claim now includes limitations directed toward the vertically aligned wafer engagement portions of the first base portion and the lateral spacing therefrom of the vertically aligned wafer engagement portions of the second base portion.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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